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Soviet Ambassador Rijov in course large social reception night of October 23 reported to have stressed following two themes in conversations with Turks and foreign diplomats:

1. Soviet vessels under no circumstances would consent to being inspected by American vessels and all those now destined for Cuba would proceed; and

2. Turkey was in this just as much as US since USSR considered Turkey its "Cuba" and bases here were just as menacing as anything in Cuba.

Embassy officer who talked with Rijov left with impression he had not received any special instructions but was improvising.

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